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1. The government decree of 26 December 1954, which abolished rationing and raised food prices, is causing widespread discontent among the Rumanian people. The reaction of the populace to the decree was one of desperation since the new higher prices of food renders almost impossible the ability of the average worker to eke out a livelihood.
2. In one area where 52 factories are situated, the workers bitterly complain of the price increase. The new decree has made it impossible for an individual who earns 500 lei, or less, per month to buy clothes. The decree is considered to be a decision favoring the "capitalistic" Communists, a reference to the privileged Communist hierarchy, which includes the professional workers and large salary earners. Prior to this decision, for instance, these so-called Communist "capitalists", the only segment of the population which could afford to buy goods on the black market, had to pay 24 lei per kilogram for sugar on the black market. However, today they can buy at the state stores for nine lei.
3. Many administrative personnel have lost their jobs since the first of January. Nine people in one section of the oil depot at Mogosoaia were dismissed in the early part of January.
4. There have been consistent rumors of a currency reform in Bucharest since the decree was issued. The Rumanian people reason that as prices rise, there is inflation; consequently, a currency reform must follow and they expect some kind of "stabilization" or "adjustment" to compensate for the higher prices.

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